

## Information Fact Sheet 2017/2018

**Name of Institution:** University of Essex  
**Country:** United Kingdom



The University of Essex is based at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester and received its Royal Charter in 1965. It is one of the UK's leading academic institutions and has an international reputation for the quality of its research and teaching. The University has 17 departments spanning the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Engineering.

Admissions	
Application deadline	31 May for October entry. 01 November for January entry.
Nominations	We would ask that nominations please be sent to Essex Abroad three weeks before the application deadline.
Online link to application	Nominated students will be sent the link by email
Other requirements	Academic transcript of study, copy of passport information page, English language certificate and learning agreement.
Language Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-EEA nationals studying for more than 6 months: standard requirements*, IELTS: 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element (requirement of the Tier 4 visa) TOEFL: 76 overall with a minimum of 17 listening&amp;writing, 18 reading, 20 speaking,</li> <li>- Non-EEA nationals studying under 6 months (short-term study visa): standard requirements*</li> <li>- EU/EEA nationals (no visa required) or non-EEA nationals holding a permission other than Tier 4/short-term study visa: standard requirements*. If the student's home tuition is in English (at least 50%), it is not necessary to provide a language certificate but a proof of this from the home university is adequate. Language certificate provided by the home university to certify that the student has at least CEFR B2 level is also accepted.</li> </ul> <p><small>*Standard requirements: <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/ce/ documents/language-requirements/english-international.pdf">http://www.essex.ac.uk/ce/ documents/language-requirements/english-international.pdf</a></small></p>
Important Language / Visa information	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx</a>

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Website	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/essexabroad/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/essexabroad/</a>

Semester dates: Autumn Term, 2017-2018 Academic Year	
Expected date of arrival	Sunday 01 October 2017
Orientation week	Monday 02 October – Friday 06 October 2017
First day of classes	Monday 09 October 2017
End of term (for Full year students)	Friday 15 December 2017
<i>Exam period</i> (for Autumn only students)	<i>Monday 18 December – Friday 22 December 2017</i>
<i>Departure date</i> (for Autumn only students)	<i>Saturday 23 December 2017</i>

Semester dates: Spring/Summer Term, 2017-2018 Academic Year	
Preferred Arrival date	Wednesday 10 January 2018
Orientation	Thursday 11 & Friday 12 January 2018
Classes start	Monday 15 January 2018
End of term	Friday 23 March 2018
<i>Easter closure</i>	<i>TBC</i>
Classes start	Monday 23 April 2018
Exam Period	Mid-May to Mid-June 2018
End of term / Departure date	Friday 29 June 2018 (Students are permitted to leave after their final written examination)

Location	
University Address	University of Essex Wivenhoe Park Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ
Climate	Autumn/Winter Average Temperature: 0°C-11°C Spring/ Summer Average Temperature: 11°C-25°C One of the driest regions in the United Kingdom
Town Tourism Website	<a href="http://www.visitcolchester.com/">http://www.visitcolchester.com/</a>
Transportation Services	Excellent transport links around the United Kingdom and to Europe. Approximately an hour away from London by train. Regular bus service to town centre and local destinations with stops on campus. Direct shuttle service to Stansted Airport. On Arrivals Day (Autumn term only) the University operates a direct coach service to the campus. Students will be provided with the necessary link to secure a place during August.

University Location Information	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/getting_here/colchester/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/getting_here/colchester/default.aspx</a>
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<b>Academics</b>	
System of assessment	Assignments and tests with exams at the end of the academic year
Teaching methods	Lectures, seminars, tutorials, and self-study
Language of instruction	English (other than in foreign language modules)
Restrictions for international students	The online module directory indicates which modules are available to exchange students Students are only permitted to take modules from the Colchester <u>or</u> Southend campus. Please note that it is not possible to study at Colchester and Southend at the same time. Students are not permitted to take non-credited modules.
Standard credit load for term (Autumn or Spring/Summer)	All students are required to take 60 Essex credits per term (minimum and maximum)
Standard module load for an academic year	All students are required to take 120 Essex credits per year (minimum and maximum)
Division of academic years	Academic Year: October – June Autumn Term: October – December Spring Term: January – March Summer Term: April – June
Module/Course Directory	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/</a>

<b>Finance</b>	
Ancillary fee	There may be laboratory fees depending on modules chosen.
Insurance / Healthcare	Insurance cover should be arranged by student prior to their studies <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/students/new/international/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/students/new/international/default.aspx</a> EEA students comprehensive sickness insurance: <a href="http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/EEA--Swiss-Students/Staying-in-the-UK-as-a-student">http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/EEA--Swiss-Students/Staying-in-the-UK-as-a-student</a>
Estimated Personal expenditure (39 week stay)	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/cost_of_living.aspx#international">http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/cost_of_living.aspx#international</a>

<b>Accommodation</b>	
Type of University maintained campus accommodation	We offer single study bedrooms with shared kitchen facilities and either shared or en-suites bathrooms. If students are studying at Colchester they should select accommodation at our Colchester campus, students wishing to study at Southend can apply for accommodation at that location. <a href="http://www2.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/">http://www2.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/</a>
Private Accommodation	The Student Union offers assistance to find private local accommodation for the students who are not staying on campus accommodation (unfortunately we do not have enough places for everyone): <a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/studentlets/">http://www.essexstudent.com/studentlets/</a>
Opening and Closing Dates 2017-18	Sunday 01 October 2017 - Saturday 30 July 2018
Holiday Arrangements	Accommodation remains open during the Christmas and Easter holidays. All students are required to vacate their rooms at the end of the Summer term.
Accommodation application deadline	Accommodation is arranged via Essex Abroad and students will be notified in August/September for October entry and in December for January entry. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Students are not able to use the online Accommodation Application.
Accommodation fee	We offer a range of accommodation, from shared facilities to en-suite rooms.

	The costs of each type of accommodation can be found on-line - <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx</a>
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<b>Student Services</b>	
Computer Services	14 computer laboratories with over 600 computers, 100 of those are accessible 24 hours a day. There is university wide Wi-Fi including in all accommodation.
Students Support	Offers a range of support <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/student_support/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/student_support/default.aspx</a>
Careers Centre	Careers Advice <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/</a>
Information Office	Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
Sports Facilities	40 acre outdoor sports area with various pitches. State of the art Evolve gym and fitness studio Over 30 Sports clubs which are now free to join. <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/sports/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/sports/</a>
Arts Events	The Lakeside Theatre frequently runs professional and student productions. Art Exhibitions and Music events are held regularly. <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/arts/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/arts/</a>
Students' Union	You are automatically a member of the Students' Union when you are a student at the University of Essex and there are no fees for this. They also run the on campus shops, nightclub and bar. <a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/">http://www.essexstudent.com/</a> Over 120 clubs and societies, radio station, student newspaper you can join. <a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/activities/societies/">http://www.essexstudent.com/activities/societies/</a>